



(Knowledge for Development)

KIBABII UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

**A CONSTITUENT COLLEGE OF MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2014/2015 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

COURSE CODE: MAT 424

COURSE TITLE: ODE III

DATE: 29/4/15

TIME: 11.30AM -1.30PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question One in and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

This Paper Consists of 4 Printed Pages. Please Turn Over.

QUESTION ONE (30MKS) (COMPULSORY)

- a. Find the derivative of the function

$$f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - x_2^2 \\ -x_2 + x_1 x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x) \\ f_2(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

and evaluate it at the point $x_0 = (1, -1)^T$ (4 marks)

- b. Solve the initial value problem

$$\dot{x} = a, \quad x(0) = x_0$$

by method of successive approximations. (5 marks)

- c. Prove that the function

$$V(y_1, y_2) = y_1^2 + y_1^2 y_2^2 + y_2^4, \quad (y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R})$$

Is a strict Liapunov function of the system

$$\dot{x}_1 = 1 - 3x_1 + 3x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 - x_1^3 - 2x_1 x_2^2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = x_2 - 2x_1 x_2 + x_1^2 x_2 - x_2^3$$

At the fixed point (1,0) (6 marks)

- d. Investigate the stability at the origin for the system (7 marks)

$$\dot{x}_1 = 2x_2(x_3 - 1)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_1(x_3 - 1)$$

$$\dot{x}_3 = -x_3^3$$

- e. Show that the phase portrait of

$$\ddot{x} - (1 - 3x^2 - 2\dot{x})\dot{x} + x = 0$$

has a limit cycle (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a. Investigate the stability of the second order equation

$$\ddot{x} + \dot{x}^3 + x = 0$$

at the origin of its phase plane (5 marks)

- b. For the following functions

$$f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_1 x_2^2 \\ -x_2 + x_2^2 + x_1^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_1 x_2^2 + x_1 x_3^2 \\ -x_1 + x_2^2 - x_2 x_3 + x_1 x_2 x_3 \\ x_2 + x_3 - x_1^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- i. Compute the derivatives of these functions (5 marks)
- ii. Find the zeros of the above functions, that is, the points $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ where $f(x_0) = 0$ and evaluate $D(x)$ at these points (8 marks)
- iii. For the first function $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined in part (i) above, compute $D^2 f(x_0)(x, y)$ where $x_0 = (0, 1)$ is a zero of f . (2 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a. Consider a predator-prey system governed by the following equations

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -a + b \\ \dot{y} &= c - d \end{aligned}$$

- i. Which variable, x or y denotes the prey and predator species. Justify your answer. (2 marks)
 - ii. Find the equilibrium points for the above system and give its ecological interpretation (6 marks)
- b. Consider the following logistic predator-prey model

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= -x_1 + 0.9x_1x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= 2x_2 \left(1 - \frac{x_2}{2}\right) - 1.2x_1x_2 \end{aligned}$$

- i. Does $x_1(t)$ denote the prey or predator population? What of $x_2(t)$? Justify your answer. (2 marks)
- ii. Find all equilibrium points (5 marks)
- iii. Suppose the prey population becomes extinct while the predator population is still positive. Describe the long term behavior of the predator population (2 marks)
- iv. Suppose the predator population becomes extinct while the prey population is still positive. Describe the long term behavior of the prey population (2 marks)
- v. Describe the long-term behavior of the system when the initial population are given by

$$x_1(0) = \frac{20}{27} \quad \text{and} \quad x_2(0) = \frac{10}{9}$$

(1 mark)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a. State and prove Grownwall's inequality (7 marks)
- b. State the Poincaré-Bendixson theorem (3 marks)
- c. State and prove the Bendixson's criterion (6 marks)
- d. Using the Bendixson's criterion, determine whether the unforced Duffing oscillator

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= x_1 - x_1^3 - \delta x_2\end{aligned}$$

has closed orbits lying it. (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a. Consider the homogeneous linear periodic system

$$\dot{x} = A(t)x, \quad A(t+T) = A(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad T > 0$$

Where $A(t)$ is continuous $n \times n$ real or complex matrix function of t containing x_c

Remark: C is an $n \times n$ matrix with $\det C \neq 0$, then there is a matrix B such that $C = e^B$

Using the above information, state and prove the Floquet theorem. (10 marks)

- b. Find the maximal interval of existence for the following initial value problem

$$\dot{x} = x^2, \quad x(0) = x_c \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

- c. Show that the system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_1^2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= 2x_2^2 - x_1x_2\end{aligned}$$

is unstable at the origin by using the function

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{3}x_1^3 + 4x_1^2x_2 + 2x_1x_2^2 + \frac{4}{3}x_2^3 \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$